

Extract from interrogation of TOGO, Shigenori - 8 March 1946.

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Q. You mentioned a few moments ago that you had considerable contact with HOSHINO during the liaison conferences while you were Foreign Minister in TOJO's Cabinet. I would like you to relate the conversations concerning HOSHINO's actions in regard to the situation prior to the attack at Pearl Harbor.

A. I did not have any private conversations with HOSHINO which I recall at the time of the liaison conferences before the outbreak of war which I recall of any importance. At the liaison conferences HOSHINO, together with MUTO and OKA, served as secretary and explained the various plans and proposals submitted there. He participated in the debates in the conferences and, generally speaking, I can say that HOSHINO took a strong stand; but I have not had any occasion to talk with him privately at these conferences. At least at the present moment I cannot recall of any conversations I might have had with him.

Q. May I ask what you mean by "strong stand."

A. He did not desire the relaxation of the Japanese conditions regarding the talks with the United States. He did not approve of Japan's taking a mild attitude toward the China problem.

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Q. In his debates prior to November 26 did HOSHINO indicate that negotiations and relations with the United States should be terminated.

A. I recall his saying that the Japanese-American talks will not reach a successful culmination.

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Q. From what I understand, he exerted considerable influence in his statements at these liaison conferences.

- A. Of course, at the liaison conferences HOSHINO, as secretary, along with MUTO and OKA, made various explanations and even participated in the deliberations. It is very difficult to make any distinctions among these three secretaries as regards their status at the conferences or their influence over the conferences. However, being a Chief Secretary of the Cabinet, he was in very intimate contact with TOJO, and, therefore, had a very good understanding of what TOJO thought and what his ideas were. So it can be said that HOSHINO in making statements expressed TOJO's views on occasion, and, I presume, that there were times when HOSHINO influenced TOJO.

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一九四六年三月八日ノ東郷茂徳專問ノ抜萃、

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第九頁

問、貴方ハ一寸前ニ、貴方ガ東條内閣外務大臣當時、連絡會議中、星野ト相當ナ接觸ガアツタト述べタ。

眞珠灣攻撃前ノ状態ニ關スル星野ノ行動ニ就テノ會話ヲ御話シ下サイ。

答、私ハ、戦争開始前ノ連絡會議當時、重大ダト思フ様ナ私的會話ヲ星野トハ致シマセンデシタ。星野ハ連絡會議デ武蔵、岡ト共ニ、秘書官ノ役ヲナシ、同會議ニ提出サレタ種々ノ計畫及、提案ヲ説明シマシタ。

氏ハ會議ノ討論ニ参加シ、大体ニ於テ星野ハ強硬ナ立場ヲ取ツタト云ヘマス。然シ、私ハコノ様ナ會議デ私的ニ話ス機會ハアリマセンデシタ。少クトモ唯今、私ハ、同氏トシタトイフ會話ヲ思出スコトガ出來マセン。

問、「強硬ナ立場」ト云フノハ、ドウイフ意味デスカ。

答、合衆國トノ會談ニ關シ、日本ノ状態ノ緩和ヲ希望シナカツタノデス。氏ハ日本ノ中國問題

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問、十一月二十六日前ノ討議デ、星野ハ合衆國ト
ノ交渉及國交關係ガ斷絶サルベキダト言フ様
ナコトラ云ヒマシタカ。

答、私ハ、同氏ガ日米會談ハ首尾ヨイ妥結ニ進シ
ナイデアラウトイツタト思ヒマス。

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問、私ノ了解シマシタトコロニヨレバ、彼ハ此等
ノ退給會議デ、其ノ陳述ニ相當影響力ヲ働カシタ様デスネ。

答、勿論、退給會議デハ、星野ハ秘書トシテ武藤
岡ト共ニ、種々説明ラナシ又、審議ニモ參加
シマシタ。コレ等三人ノ間ニ、會議ニ於ケル
地位及、會議ニ及ボシタ影響ヲ區別スル事ハ
困難デス。併シナガラ、氏ハ内閣書記官長デ
シタノデ、東條トハ極メテ密接ナ接觸ガアリ、
ソレ故、東條ノ考ラ非常ニヨク理解シ、又其
ノ意同モヨク理解シテキマシタ。デスカラ、

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表明シタトイヘマス。又星野ガ東條ニ影シ
タ事モアツタト思ヒマス。

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